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Playground for the Board High School, Payyannoor.

* 247 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations were made to the Government by the President, District Board, Malabar, to have the ground adjoining the Board High School, Payyannoor, acquired for the purpose of a playground for the school; and

(*b*) the reasons for not complying with the request?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Collector of Malabar reported that the site was not suitable for acquisition. The Government accepted the recommendation of the Collector which was supported by the Board of Revenue. An alternative site was suggested to the District Board."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that the high school with a strength of 800 students has not been having a playground for the last 20 years? May I therefore request the Government to let me know the plans they have to acquire a playground for the students in that particular high school? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question has already been answered."

Handloom Board for Guntur district.

* 248 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Handloom Board for Guntur district has been constituted;

(*b*) if so, who are its members;

(*c*) on whose recommendations the personnel of the Board were selected;

(*d*) whether the Collector of Guntur also recommended the same personnel, and if not, why the recommendations of the Collector were not accepted;

(*e*) whether a non-resident of the district, Sri G. Kotaiah, has been nominated as member and Vice-President of the Board, and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*f*) whether the Government have received any representations from the weavers and their organizations in the district requesting the Government to give representation on the Board to the Guntur District Handloom Weavers' Congress, and if so, the action taken thereon by the Government?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The following persons serve on the Board :—

(1) The Collector of Guntur—*President.*

(2) Sri P. Kotaiah, M.L.A.—*Vice-President.*

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(3) Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Guntur.

(4) Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Bapatla.

(5) Sri Goli Mallikarjunudu, President, Chirala Weavers' Co-operative Society, Perala.

(6) Sri Chebrole Subbarao, Perala.

(7) Sri R. Jayarao, Tadepalle.

(8) Sri Narayanam Pichayya, Peteru.

(9) Sri Utukuri Ramayya, Chirala.

(10) Sri G. Kotayya, Member, Madras Handloom Committee.

(11) Sri G. Mallayya, Macherla.

(12) Sri A. Kotayya, Perala.

(Textile Control Officer, Guntur—*Secretary.*)

" (*c*) The personnel of the Board were selected on the recommendations of the Collector of Guntur, the Director of Controlled Commodities and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

" (*d*) The original proposals submitted by the Collector of Guntur were considered to be not fully representative of all interests and hence revised proposals were called for from the Collector and these revised proposals were accepted by Government.

" (*e*) Sri G. Kotaiah was originally nominated as Vice-President of the Board but it is not correct to say that he is a non-resident of the district. It is reported that Sri G. Kotaiah is a resident of Perala in Guntur district where he owns a house and where his family is also living. Sri G. Kotaiah has since been made an ordinary member of the Board and Sri P. Kotaiah, M.L.A., has been nominated as the Vice-President.

" (*f*) Yes, Sir, Sri G. Mallayya of Macherla and Sri A. Kotayya of Perala, representatives of the Congress, have since been appointed as members of the District Handloom Board, Guntur, to represent weavers outside the co-operative fold in addition to the members already appointed."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" May I know whether it is not a fact that Sri G. Kotaiah though a native of Perala has been residing in Vijayavada for the last three years? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU :—" May I know, Sir, whether there are similar Boards in other districts? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question is about Guntur district. The hon. Member may put a separate question."